

In the claims:

Claim 1 cancelled.

2. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim [[1]]18, wherein the first operating switch (107) and the second operating switch (108) are positioned essentially at right angles to each other.

3. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim [[1]]18, wherein the power tool (100) includes a side handle (103) and a top handle (102), the first operating switch (107) being located on the side handle (103), and the second operating switch (108) being located on the top handle (102).

4. (previously presented) The power tool as recited in Claim 3, wherein the side handle (103) and the top handle (102) transition into each other, thereby essentially forming a right angle (106), the first operating switch (107) and the second operating switch (108) being located on opposing surfaces (109, 110) within this angle (106).

Claims 5-6 cancelled.

7. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim [[1]]18, wherein the connecting element (113) is made of sheet metal.

8. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim [[1]]18, wherein the power tool (100) includes a guide (117, 118) for the connecting element (113).

9. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim [[1]]18, wherein the first operating switch (107) is connected with an adjusting slide (114), the adjusting slide (114) converting a motion of the first operating switch (107) into an electrical variable.

10. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim [[1]]18, wherein the power tool (100) is a jigsaw.

11. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim [[1]]18, wherein the first operating switch and the second operating switch are each directly fastened to the flexible connecting element.

12. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim [[1]]18, wherein the flexible connecting element has a top end and a lower end and a first flat sheet surface and a second flat sheet surface, and wherein the first operating switch is fastened to the lower end, the second operating switch is connected to the top end, and both of the operating switches are fastened to the same flat sheet surface.

13. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim ~~[[1]]~~18, wherein engagement of either one of the first and second operating switches will turn on the tool.

14. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim ~~[[1]]~~18, wherein the flexible connecting element is curved and defines an obtuse angle.

Claims 15-17 cancelled.

18. (currently amended) ~~A power tool as recited in claim 1A~~
power tool with a first operating switch (107) for turning the power tool (100) on and off, wherein the power tool (100) includes a second operating switch (108) for turning the power tool on and off, and wherein the first operating switch (107) and the second operating switch (108) are mechanically coupled with each other via a flexible connecting element (113), further comprising a slanted surface, the flexible element being configured so that it is flexibly guided on the slanted surface.

19. (previously presented) A power tool as recited in claim 18, wherein the slanted surface is curved, and the flexible connecting element is configured so that it is curved and flexibly guided on the slanted surface.

20. (currently amended) ~~A power tool as recited in claim 1~~
power tool with a first operating switch (107) for turning the power tool (100) on
and off, wherein the power tool (100) includes a second operating switch (108)
for turning the power tool on and off, and wherein the first operating switch (107)
and the second operating switch (108) are mechanically coupled with each other
via a flexible connecting element (113), further comprising a ramp, the flexible
element being configured so that it is flexibly guided on the ramp.

21. (currently amended) A power tool as recited in claim
[[18]]20, wherein the ramp is curved and the flexible connecting element is
configured so that it is curved and flexibly guided on the ramp.